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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDERS

New Delhi, the 10th December 1959

G.S.R. 1377.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Delhi (Guest Control) Order, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of the area of the Union territory of Delhi other than the premises serving as the headquarters of diplomatic or consular representatives or Governmental missions of foreign nations.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Union territory of Delhi;
- (b) "catering establishments" means hotels, restaurants, eating houses, cafes, tea shops, coffee houses, free feeding centres, clubs, canteens and includes all other places of a like nature, open to the public or to any limited class of public, where food is consumed or is procurable;
- (c) "foodgrains" means the foodgrains and their products specified in the Schedule to this Order;
- (d) "host" means a person who either himself or through any other person undertakes to distribute or provide for consumption eatables in a party, entertainment, social or other function;
- (e) "institutional establishments" means hospitals, sanatoria, convalescent homes, nursing homes, orphanages, workhouses, infirmaries, asylums, schools providing meals and includes all other establishments of a like nature;
- (f) "residential establishments" means boarding houses, apartment houses, residential hotels, residential clubs, hostels, nurses' homes, schools and includes all other establishments of a like nature but does not include private households.

3. Restrictions on consumption of foodgrains.—No person or body of persons acting either jointly or severally at or in connexion with one or more parties, entertainments, social or other functions, shall on any one day distribute or provide for

consumption or accept or contribute for service or distribution for consumption any eatables containing any foodgrains to more than fifty persons excluding the host(s) at ordinary parties and one hundred persons excluding the host(s) at marriages:

Provided that this restriction shall not apply,—

- (i) to the proprietor, manager or person in charge of a residential, institutional or catering establishment serving food to customers or residents in the course of regular business and not in connexion with any party, entertainment, social or other function given at the instance of himself or of any other person; or
- (ii) to the distribution of food by way of *bhog* or *prasad* or as part of a recognised religious ceremony by any temple, mosque, gurdwara, church, or other place of religious worship.

4. Power to exempt.—Notwithstanding the restriction imposed by clause 3, the Administrator or any officer authorized by him in this behalf may, in special cases if the Administrator or such officer is of the opinion that an exemption should be granted, by order in writing, exempt any party, entertainment, social or other function from the operation of this Order.

5. Repeal.—The Delhi (Guest Control) Order, 1958 is hereby repealed:

Provided that the repeal shall not affect the previous operation of the said Order.

SCHEDULE

1. Rice;
2. Wheat and
3. Edible products of rice or wheat, other than biscuits, cakes, pastries, Samosa and Mathuri.

[No. 201(14)/380/58-PY.H.]

G.S.R. 1378.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Delhi Rice (Export Control) Order, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Union Territory of Delhi.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “export” means to take or cause to be taken from any place within the Union Territory of Delhi to any place outside that territory;
- (b) “rice” includes broken rice, paddy and products of rice or paddy other than rice bran and husk;
- (c) “State Government” means the Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi.

3. Restrictions on export of rice.—No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of rice except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government or any officer authorized by it in this behalf:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall apply to the export of rice—

- (i) not exceeding five seers in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or
- (ii) on Government account; or
- (iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

4. Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.—(1) Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector or any other person authorized in this behalf by the State Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order, or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (a) stop and search, or authorize any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or intended to be used for the export of rice;
- (b) enter and search and authorize any person to enter and search any place;
- (c) seize or authorize the seizure of rice in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened along with the packages, coverings or receptacles in which such rice is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such rice and thereafter take or authorize the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

(2) The provisions of sections 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

5. Effect of this Order.—The provisions of this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of the Rice (Northern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1958,

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